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- CURRENT POSITION Post-doctoral Researcher, SNF Project '*Inequality in the Mind*', Principal investigator: prof. Nathalie Giger, Department of Political Science and International Relations, University of Geneva.
- RESEARCH INTERESTS Legislative studies, party politics, electoral behaviour, elite surveys, comparative and quantitative methods
- EDUCATION **European University Institute**
- Ph.D. in Political and Social Sciences
 - Dissertation: *The politics of turning coat. A Comparative and Historical Analysis of Party Switching in Western Europe (1945-2015)*
 - Supervisor: Prof. Stefano Bartolini
 - Expected completion: November 2018
 - Master of Research in Political and Social Sciences, obtained on 25.06.2015.
- University of Florence, Italy**
- M.A. in Political Sciences and Decision-Making Processes, awarded with honours (110/110 cum laude) and obtained on 22.10.2012.
 - B.Sc. in Political Sciences, awarded with honours (110/110 cum laude) and obtained on 21.02.2011.
- PUBLICATIONS Volpi, Elisa. (2018). "Ideology and party switching: A comparison of 12 West European countries". In *Parliamentary Affairs*, on-line first: <https://doi.org/10.1093/pa/gsx079>.

WORKING PAPERS	<p>Ceron, Andrea and Elisa Volpi. "Breakups hurt: The effect of party splits on the perceived proximity between MPs and their party". <i>Under review</i>.</p> <p>Ceron, Andrea and Elisa Volpi. "Defections as valence loss. Electoral strategies after party switching". <i>Ready for submission</i>.</p> <p>Volpi, Elisa, Felix-Christopher von Nostitz and François Briatte. "Searching for the Cartel Party: Inter-party Collusion and Legislative Activity". <i>Conference paper</i>.</p> <p>Volpi, Elisa and Pirmin Bundi, "The Wolf in Sheep's Clothing? Policy Preferences and Legislative Party Switching". <i>Conference paper</i>.</p> <p>Volpi, Elisa. "Mass transformation or lone defectors? Parties' representational style and party switching". <i>Early draft</i>.</p>
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<p><i>Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf</i> (Germany): Instructor for a block seminar on comparative electoral systems (24 hours of class). November 2018.</p> <p><i>University of Lucerne</i> (Switzerland): Instructor for a block seminar on comparative electoral systems (21 hours of class). Spring term 2018.</p> <p><i>University of Florence</i> (Italy): Instructor for an undergraduate seminar (ten-hours) on Italian party system, under the supervision of prof. Alessandro Chiamonte. (Students' evaluations available upon request.) March-April 2017.</p>
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	<p><i>Visiting researcher</i>, Université Libre de Bruxelles, September-December 2017, Mentor: Prof. Emilie van Haute.</p> <p><i>Coder</i> for the project 'Society', a Voting Advice Application for the 2016 American Presidential and Congressional Candidates: www.society.com/us2016congress/default/en</p> <p><i>Coder</i> for the POLCON Project led by prof. Hanspeter Kriesi, European University Institute.</p> <p><i>Research Assistant</i> at New York University, Florence Campus, La Pietra Dialogues program.</p> <p><i>Intern</i> at the Communications division of General Electric Oil & Gas, Florence.</p> <p><i>Intern</i> at the Centro Italiano di Studi Elettorali, under the supervision of prof. Alessandro Chiamonte.</p>

CONFERENCES & INVITED TALKS "Defections as valence loss. Electoral strategies after party switching". Presentation at the *Italian Political Science Association Conference*, Turin, Italy 6-8 September 2018.

"Searching for the Cartel Party: Inter-party Collusion and Legislative Activity". Presentation at the *8th Annual General Conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA)*, Vienna, Austria 21-23 June 2018.

"The Wolf in Sheep's Clothing? Policy Preferences and Legislative Party Switching". Presentation at the *ECPR Joint Session of Workshops*, Nicosia, 10-14 April 2018.

"Breakups hurt: The effect of party splits on the perceived proximity between MPs and their party". Presentation at the *25th International Conference of Europeanists (CES)* in Chicago, 28-30 March 2018.

"The politics of turning coat". Presentation within the working group on *Parties, Elections and Representation*, Université Libre de Bruxelles, 26 October 2017.

"It is all about values: On the relationship between ideology and party switching". Presentation at the *ECRP General Conference*, Oslo, 6-9 September 2017.

"Party-level characteristics and party switching: Evidence from Twelve Western European countries (1988-2015)". Presentation at the *4th Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments*, Basel, 29 June – 1 July 2017.

"The opportunity for turning coat. Party-level characteristics and party switching in Western Europe (1945-2015)", Presentation at the workshop *Perspectives on Intra-Party Politics: theoretical approaches and practical applications* organized by the Party Congress Research Group, Milan, 26-27 June 2017.

"Party-level characteristics and party switching: Evidence from Twelve Western European countries (1988-2015)". Presentation at the *7th Annual General Conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA)*, Milan, Italy 22-24 June 2017.

"Party-level characteristics and party switching: Evidence from Twelve Western European countries (1988-2015)". Presentation at the *ECPR Joint Session of Workshops*, Nottingham, 25-30 April 2017.

"An analysis of party switching in the Italian Chamber of Deputies (1948-2013)". Presentation at the *24th IPSA World Congress of Political Science*, Poznań, 23-28 July 2016.

EXTRA TRAINING	<p>EUI Teacher Training, January 2017.</p> <p>25th ECPR Summer School on 'Political Parties and Democracy'. University of Leuphana. September 2015, Lünenburg, Germany.</p> <p>ECPR Summer School on 'Multilevel Modelling', July-August 2015. Ljubljana, Slovenia.</p> <p>Selected workshops attended at European University Institute:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA) and Fuzzy Sets, May 2016 (Claudius Wagemann) • Advanced Research Design, October-December 2015 (Fabrizio Bernardi & Diego Gambetta) • Causal Inference, June 2015 (Elias Dinas) • Introduction to Panel Data Analysis, May 2015 (Martin Ehlert) • Structural Equation Models, April 2015 (Tenko Raykov) • The Logic of Comparative Methods, January - March 2015 (Stefano Bartolini) • Categorical Data Analysis, January - March 2015 (Hannes Kröger) 	
OTHER SKILLS	<p><i>Languages:</i> Italian (native), English (fluent), French (intermediate), German (basic)</p> <p><i>Computer Software:</i> Stata, R, L^AT_EX, Microsoft Office, Mac OS X</p>	
PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS	<p>European Political Science Association (2017-present)</p> <p>Council for European Studies (2018)</p>	
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